



DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

***SURFACE FACILITIES FOREMAN FOR SHOPS, LABS
AND WAREHOUSES***

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: **Surface Facilities Foreman For Shops, Labs & Warehouses*

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at shops, labs and warehouses required by State and Federal laws and regulations

NOTE: This certification shall not be used in lieu of other certifications.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$10.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- Possess one year work experience at a shop, lab or warehouse or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Current first aid training (MSHA first aid 5000-23 acceptable)

NOTE: General miner certification not required.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 80% on each element of the examination

<u>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</u>
First Aid (MM)	20
Surface Facilities (SF)	50
▪ Electrical	
▪ Equipment	
▪ Examinations	
▪ Fire Prevention	
▪ General Provisions	
▪ Personal Protection	
▪ Gas Detection - practical demonstration	
▪ Records – practical (Not Implemented)	

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

- Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77
- Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia
- BCME Requirements
- Surface Facilities Foreman Guide
- MSHA (Basic First Aid) Manual 3

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.